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In early Feburary 1955, the Ministry for Heavy Industry prohibited the export sale of five chemical products. Three of these were methanol, sulfuric acid, and pentaerythrite. At a conference to discuss this measure, one of the participating members ventured the opinion that the inclusion of methanol on this list was because of its use as a rocket propellant. Dr. Werner Winkler, Deputy Minister for Chemistry, laughingly replied that not methanol but hydrazine hydrate and/or ethyl alcohol are used as rocket propellants.

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